

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 02481.1337-04

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: )  
Mathias GEHRMANN et al. )  
Serial No.: 08/989,896 ) Group Art Unit: 1644  
Filed: December 12, 1997 ) Examiner: D. Saunders  
For: FUSION PROTEINS FOR )  
PRODRUG ACTIVATION )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES**

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figures 2-11 in the above-captioned application be amended to correspond to new Figures 9-12, 14, 15, and 17-20, respectively. The proposed changes are indicated in red on the attached copy of the originally filed drawing.

In addition, it is respectfully requested that new Figures 2-8, 13, and 16 be added, which correspond to deleted Tables 2, 3, and 7-11 on pages 29 and 33-36 of the specification, and deleted drawings on pages 10 and 12-15 of the specification. No new matter is being added.

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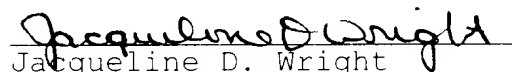
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Upon approval of the proposed changes, applicants respectfully request that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after a Notice of Allowance has issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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